

## UK Lords Delegation to Israel

May 28 – June 1, 2023

### **Lord Leslie Turnberg**

Co-Chair All-Party Parliamentary Group for Israel



Lord Leslie Turnberg is the co-chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Israel. Lord Turnberg graduated in medicine from Manchester University in 1957 and specialised in gastroenterology in Manchester, London and Dallas, Texas. In 1992 he was elected President of the Royal College of Physicians of London. Lord Turnberg was knighted in 1994 and was created a Life Peer in 2000. He continues to be active in medical affairs in the House of Lords and is a member of the Committee on Medical Research and Rare, Genetic and diagnosed Conditions. He was a Jewish Medical Association (UK) founder patron. In 2008 Lord and Lady Turnberg, in partnership with the Academy of Medical Sciences, established the Daniel Turnberg Memorial Fellowships. These fellowships are in memory of their late son, a doctor and researcher with a keen

interest in fostering links between the UK and the Middle East. The aim is to encourage researchers to experience an alternative research environment, to learn new techniques and develop ideas for future collaborations.

### **Lord Jonathan Mendelsohn of Finchley,**

Co-Chair All - Party Parliamentary Group for the Abraham Accords



Jon Mendelsohn is Chairman of 888 Holdings PLC, a FTSE 250 world leading gaming company. He is the Senior Advisor to Value Retail, the developer and operator of luxury outlet shopping Villages. He was Co-founder and Partner at Oakvale Capital LLP a leading corporate finance and advisory firm specializing in gaming, gambling, and sports. He co-founded LLM Communications, a corporate and public affairs consultancy which was acquired by Financial Dynamics (FD) to create one of the largest global financial and business communication companies. He served as a Managing Director and later as Chairman of the Global Issues Division, including after it was acquired by FTI Consulting. He is also an investor in early-stage companies in areas

ranging from technology to energy. He is Chairman of The Redbus Group and Advisor to the agritech business, Farms. Lord Mendelsohn was Shadow Minister for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

and the Shadow Minister for International Trade from 2016-2018, having previously been Shadow Minister for Business, Innovation and Skills from 2014-2016, and was a member of the International Relations Committee. He formerly served as a Policy and Communications Advisor to the Rt. Hon Tony Blair MP (1995-1997) and was appointed by the Rt. Hon Gordon Brown MP to serve as Director of General Election Resources (2007-2010) and as an Assistant Treasurer of the Labour Party (2009-2011) He is Joint President (together with Lady Mendelsohn CBE) of Norwood, a charity supporting vulnerable children, Families and people with learning disabilities. He serves as the President of the Commonwealth Jewish Council and sits on the Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress.

## **Rt Hon Lord David Wolfson of Tredegar QC (Queen's Counsel)**

Former Minister of Justice in the House of Lords.



Former Minister for Justice in the House of Lords, Lord (David) Wolfson QC is a commercial barrister and Queen's Counsel, attracting instructions in the most complex and high value disputes. Regarded as one of the leading advocates of his generation, he has been instructed in many of the major banking and commercial disputes in recent years, and his practice extends over a broad range of commercial law, both in litigation and international arbitration. David has strong family and business connections with Israel, where he has a home and spends several weeks each year. In addition to his work at the Bar, David is a Governor of a primary school, a Bencher of Inner Temple and sits on its

Investment Committee and is either a trustee or a director of several other charities and companies. David's place as one of the leading advocates of his generation has been recognised with his being awarded "Commercial Litigation Silk of the Year 2020" by The Legal 500, and also "Commercial Litigation Silk of the Year" in the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2020. David has strong family and business connections with Israel, where he has a home and spends several weeks each year.

## **Rt Hon. Lord Howard of Lympne CH (Companion of Honour) QC (Queen's Counsel)**

Former Leader of the Conservative Party and member of the Lords Constitution Committee



Michael Howard was the Leader of the Conservative Party and Leader of the Opposition from November 2003 to December 2005. He currently serves on the House of Lords Constitution Committee. He previously held Cabinet positions in the governments of Margaret Thatcher and John Major, including Secretary of State for Employment (1990-92), Secretary of State for the Environment (1992-93) and Home Secretary (1993-97). He was the Member of Parliament for Folkestone & Hythe from 1983 – 2010 when he retired from the House of Commons and was appointed a Life Peer. He was appointed to the Order of Companion of Honour in 2011. He now divides his time between charity work and business, serving as non-

executive Director on several Boards.

## **Lord Bilimoria of Chelsea, CBE, DL**

### **Chairman of All Party Parliamentary Group on India Trade & Investment and Co-Chair All Party Parliamentary Group on International Students**



Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE was appointed the Lord Bilimoria of Chelsea in 2006, making him the first ever Zoroastrian Parsi to sit in the House of Lords. He sits as a cross bench peer.

He qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Ernst & Young and graduated in law from the University of Cambridge.

Lord Bilimoria is a Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, Bynum Tudor Fellow at Kellogg College Oxford, former Chairman of the Advisory Board of University of Cambridge Judge Business School and Honorary Ambassador, visiting fellow at University of Oxford based at the Said Business School and the Founding Chair of the UK India Business Council.

He is an honorary fellow of Sidney Sussex College Cambridge and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Judge Business School, Cambridge University.

In 2008 he was awarded the Pravasi Bharti Samman by the President of India. Lord Bilimoria is the founder of Cobra Beer and Chairman of the Cobra Beer Partnership Limited. In June 2020, he was appointed President of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI). He is a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on International Trade and Investment.

## **The Lord Colgrain DL**

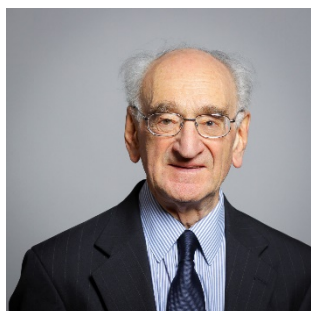
### **Member Environment and Climate Change Committee**



Alistair Colgrain had been elected to sit in the House of Lords in 2017. Between 2013-2014 he had been appointed the High Sheriff of Kent, which was followed by him becoming the Deputy Lieutenant. Further, he is the trustee of Rochester Cathedral since 2014 and Belmont Charity since 2008. His policy interests range from Agriculture, animals, food and rural affairs, Defence to Economy and finance and Energy and environment. This is reflected in his membership of the Environment and Climate Change Committee and his membership of the Forestry and Tree Planting, Fruit, Vegetables and Horticulture, Game and Wildlife Conservation All-Party Parliamentary Groups.

## **Rt Hon. Lord Simon Haskel**

### **Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman of Committees**



Simon Haskel, the founder of an international textile company has served as the Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman of Committee since 2001. He has served in over twenty appointments since 1994, ranging from the Science and Technology Committee (2006-2010) and information Committee (2009-2014) to the Economic Affairs Committee (2021-2022). Since 2018, he has served on the Audit Committee, SLSC Sub-Committee A and Audit and Risk Committee, whilst, in 2019 he joined his fourth select committee of Statutory Instruments.

Simon has held numerous other positions as an opposition whip in 1994, front bench spokesman on trade and industry (1994-1997), the founder member of the Labour Finance and Industry Group (1972) and president of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research (2007).

He further is a member of the Antisemitism, Apprenticeships and Trade Justice All-Party Parliamentary Groups. Overall, the key focus areas of Simon are Business, Economy and Finance, Energy and Environment, Employment and Training, and Science and Technology.

## **Rt Hon. Lord Navnit Dholakia**

Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords



Navnit Dholakia, a British Liberal Democrat Politician serves as the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords.

He is the former Liberal Democrats President (2002-2004) and a former councillor of the County Borough of Brighton (1961-1964). From 1997- 2002, he served as a Liberal Democrat whip in the Lords, and between 2002-2004 was appointed the Home Affairs Spokesman. Navnit has numerous key areas of focus from asylum, immigration and nationality, crime, civil law, justice and rights, diversity, international affairs to race issues. His focus areas are demonstrated in past and present positions he has hold, for example, the Head of Administration of Justice for the Commission for Racial

Equality (1968-1994), the Vice-President of the Mental Health Foundation since 2002 and the President of NACRO since 1998 where he additionally chairs their Race Issues Advisory Committee. Lord Dholakia is also a committee member of the EU security and Justice Sub-Committee, Sub-Committee on Lords, Conduct and Justice and Home Affairs. Navnit is the member of twelve All-Party Parliamentary Groups, including Antisemitism, Bangladesh, Street Children, Honour Based Abuse and Death Penalty and his dedication is further highlighted in his membership of the Home Office inter-departmental Committee on Racial Attacks and Harassment (1987-1992), Sussex Police Authority (1994-1997) and the Howard League for Penal Reform (1992-2002).

## **The Lord James O'Shaughnessy**

Former Junior Health Minister and Government Whip



James O'Shaughnessy, elevated to the House of Lords in 2015 served as the junior Health minister and Government Whip for two years between 2016 and 2018. He has had a vast career, from joining the Conservative Central Office in 2001 where he was appointed the special advisor to Education Secretary Damien Green to being appointed the Director of Policy and Research to former Prime Minister David Cameron between 2007 and 2011. James's key focus areas are education, health services and medicine and science and technology. His passion for education led to him becoming the founder and current Managing Director of Floreat Education, as well as chair of the International Positive Education Network and co-founder of EDSPACE.



## The Lord David Watts

Former MP, Government Whip and Lord Commissioner of HM Treasury



David Watts is a British Politician who was elevated to a life peer in 2015. He was elected to Parliament in 1997 as the Labour Party MP for St Helen's North and served as that MP until 2015. From 2005 to 2010, he served as the Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, as well as being the chair of the Parliamentary Labour Party as a backbencher (2012-2015). Since 2020, he has been a member of the International Agreements Committee and in 2022 joined the Land Use in England Committee. David is further a member of the Belize and Music All-party Parliamentary Groups with his key political interests being regional policy, education

and training.

## Lord Stone of Blackheath

Member Egypt All-Party Parliamentary Group



Andrew Stone has been a life peer since 1997 and is a member of the Egypt All-Party Parliament Group. After working as the managing director of Marks and Spencer (1974-1999) and Non-Executive Director of N. Brown Group plc (2002-2013) his focus shifted to non-government organisations. Andrew is the former Chairman of the Sindicatum Climate Change Foundation and in 2014 became the President of DIPEX, a charitable health organisation. Lord Stone is a governor of the Weizmann Institute of Science and honorary vice president of The Movement for Reform Judaism. He is a patron of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research, the Gauchers Association, the New Israel Fund, the Jewish Chernobyl

Children, the Orphoids charity, The Forgiveness Project (as of 2004) and LEAD Nepal – Development for the future of Nepalese Youth. He is a trustee of Prism the Gift Fund and formerly a trustee of the Olive Tree Educational Trust Lord Stone is a member of the International Trade Council. Overall, his policy interests are economy and finance, international affairs, science and technology, health services and mindfulness with Egypt and Israel his world areas of concern.

## Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth

Former Leader of the Welsh Conservative Party



Nick Bourne is a Conservative Party Politician and has been a member of the House of Lords since 2013. Outside of Parliament he had been a Barrister at the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn (1976), Director and Company Secretary of Chart Foulks Lynch plc (1982-1988), Holborn Law Tutors Ltd (1988-1991) and a Professor of Law (1992-1999) at Swansea Law School. Between 1999 and 2011 he served as the Leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the National Assembly of Wales, and between 2007 and 2011 he served as the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly of Wales. He has had numerous government posts as the

Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Wales Office (2015-2017), Department of Energy and Climate Change (2015-2017), Department for Communities and Local Government (2016-2018), Northern Ireland Office (2017-2017), Wales Office (2017-2019) and Housing, Communities and Local Government (2018-2019). Nick is a member of the Public Services Select Committee and is also a

member of the Bosnia and Herzegovina, Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity, Gypsies, Travellers and Roma, Hate Crime, Online and Home Electrical Safety All-Party Parliamentary Groups. His main policy interests are asylum, immigration and nationality, business, industry and consumers, education, energy and environment, housing and planning, international affairs and Parliament, government and politics.

## **The Right Hon. The Baroness Stuart of Edgbaston** First Civil Service Commissioner



Gisela Stuart has been a life peer since 2020. She had served as a Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2017 for Edgbaston in Birmingham, whilst, further taking up the government post of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Department of Health. During her twenty years in Parliament, she worked as a government minister in 1999-2001, sat on the Security and Intelligence Committee and chaired Vote Leave in 2016. From 2017, Baroness Stuart has contributed to public life with non-partisan roles. This includes roles at the Royal Mint, Birmingham City University and as the lead Non-Executive Board Member at the Cabinet Office. Baroness Stuart now sits as a Crossbench Peer where she operates independently, outside of a party-political framework. In March 2022 Baroness Stuart was appointed the new First Civil Service Commissioner. In this role Baroness Stuart will lead the Civil Service Commission which exists to provide assurance that civil servants are selected on merit on the basis of fair and open competition; and to help safeguard an impartial Civil Service. Gisela has been a director of the Henry Jackson Society and additionally is a member of the Wilton Park All-Party Parliamentary Groups. Her main policy interests are defence, the European Union, International Affairs and United Kingdom Union and Devolution

## **Baroness Janet Whitaker of Beeston** Vice-Chair All Party Parliamentary Group Human Rights and UNICEF Trustee



Baroness Whitaker joined the House of Lords in 2000 and has been involved in numerous committees including the Human Rights Joint Committee (2001-2003), the Draft Corruption Bill Joint Committee (2003) and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 Committee (2017-2018). She is currently a Vice-Chair of several All-Party Parliamentary Groups including Arts and Heritage, Chagos (British Indian Ocean Territory), Gypsies, Travellers and Roma, Human Rights, Opera, Race and Community, Speech and Language Difficulties and Theatre. Baroness Whitaker has been the President of numerous organisations - Friends, Families and Travellers (2013-present), Newhaven Historical Society (2015- present) and the Newhaven Coastal Communities Team (2019-present) whilst being chair of the Department for Education 's Stakeholder Group for Gypsy, Traveller and Roma education (2014-present) and Newhaven Coastal Communities Team (2017-2019). Additionally, she was a Trustee of UNICEF UK between 2003 and 2009. Baroness Whitaker is a patron of Humanists UK and is a member of the Advisory Board for the British Institute of Human Rights. Her policy interests are design and architecture and Gypsies, Travellers and Roma and Human Rights.

## **Rt Hon Baroness Jaqueline Foster of Oxton DBE**

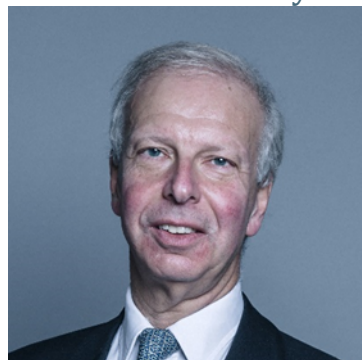
### **Vice Chair All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pandemic Response and Recovery**



Jacqueline Foster, Baroness Foster of Oxton, DBE is a British Conservative politician and a former Member of the European Parliament for the North West England region. In October 2019 she was appointed Dame commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. In December 2020, it was announced she would be conferred a Life Peerage after a nomination by Prime Minister Boris Johnson as part of the 2020 Political Honours. In January 2021, she was elevated to the Lords as Baroness Foster of Oxton. Since joining the House of Lords Baroness Foster has spoken out on the devastating impact of Covid on the Aviation and Tourism and hospitality sectors and she is a Vice Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Pandemic Group. She is also a Vice Chairman of the APPG on the future of Aviation along with the APPGs on Aerospace, Business Travel, General Aviation

## **The Lord Leigh of Hurley**

### **Conservative Party Treasurer**



Lord Leigh co-founded Cavendish Corporate Finance in 1988 following several years working as a Chartered Accountant specialising in taxation and M&A. He was elevated to the Peerage as Lord Leigh of Hurley in 2013 and speaks regularly in the House of Lords on business, finance and tax matters. In 2013 he accompanied the then Prime Minister David Cameron on the trade trip to China. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Conservative Friends of Israel and since 2015 Lord Leigh has been a member of the Review of Fundraising Self-Regulation and the President of Jewish Policy Research. In 2016 he became the Chairman of the Jerusalem Foundation (UK) and in 2020 a trustee of the Henley festival. His main policy focus areas are business, industry and consumers, economy and finance, Parliament, government and politics and taxation. His interests are reflected in his membership of the Entrepreneurship, River Thames, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene All-Party Parliamentary Groups and his role as Committee Chair of the Finance Bill Sub-Committee, since July 2022. Lord Leigh chairs a number of charitable concerns and was appointed a Treasurer of the Conservative Party in 2000, and subsequently as Senior Treasurer.

## **RT Hon. the Lord Robathan of Poultney PC**

Member of the House of Lords, Lord Temporal



Lord Robathan served as the MP for South Leicestershire from 1992 – 2015. In October 2013 he was appointed Minister of State for Northern Ireland. He previously served as Minister of State for the Armed Forces as well as serving in the post of Minister for Defence Personnel, Welfare and Veterans. Prior to entering Parliament Andrew served around the world in the Coldstream Guards from 1974 to 1989. He then volunteered to re-join the army in 1991 and served as Chief of Staff of the Prisoner of War Guard Force in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait. He later worked for BP from 1991 to 1992. His countries of interest are Africa, Indian sub-continent, Middle East with political interests in international development, environment, transport, defence, Northern Ireland. Andrew is also a member of eight All-Party Parliamentary Groups including for Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cycling and Walking, Finland, Indonesia and Ukraine.

## **Baroness Catherine Meyer of Nine Elms CBE**

Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Ukraine and member of Joint Committee on Human Rights



Catherine Meyer was born into a Franco-Russian family. She was educated at the French Lycée in London and has a BA (Hons) from the School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies. She speaks five languages.

Catherine began in financial services where she pursued a successful career as a commodity broker. She later became a leading child advocate and campaigner – setting up her own registered charity in the UK and the USA, which she ran for 18 years. In 2012, she was awarded a CBE by HM The Queen for “services to children and families”.

From 2003 to 2008 she was a non-executive director of LIFFE (London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange) and from 2012 to 2015 of the London Institute of Mathematical Sciences.

In 2018, she was ennobled as a Life Peer, taking the title of Baroness Meyer of Nine Elms. Catherine has authored two books. In 2022 she was appointed to the Joint Committee on Human Rights.

She is the widow of Sir Christopher Meyer, KCMG, former British Ambassador to the U.S.A. She has two sons and two stepsons.



## **Lord Stuart Polak CBE**

### **Hon President Conservative Friends of Israel**



Born in Liverpool where he grew up and was educated, Lord Polak began his career working for the Board of Deputies of British Jews in 1984 as Education Director.

Lord Polak was appointed as the second Director of Conservative Friends of Israel in 1989, a position which he held until 2015 when he was made honorary president. During this period, he was responsible for organising over 150 delegations taking parliamentarians and parliamentary candidates to visit Israel so they could see first-hand the facts on the ground and understand the complexities of the situation.

In 2015, he was awarded a CBE for political services and was subsequently elevated to the House of Lords. Since his elevation, Lord Polak sat on the EU Justice Sub-Committee until 2021 and the European Union Committee until 2019. He currently sits on the Adult Social Care Committee. He has also continuously raised issues regarding Israel, the proscription of Hezbollah and Hamas and the destabilising activities of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

Lord Polak founded the UK Abraham Accords Group and initiated the European Friends of Israel. He is a senior advisor at Marsh Insurance Broker and is a member of APCO Worldwide's International Advisory Council.

## **Rt Hon Lord Dennis Rogan**

### **Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords**



Lord Dennis Rogan is a former President and Chair of the Ulster Unionist Party. He was made a life peer as Baron Rogan, of Lower Iveagh in the County of Down, on 16 July 1999.

Lord Rogan is founder and managing director of Dennis Rogan & Associates – Carpet Yarn Brokers, founder and chairman of Associated Processors Ltd – Jute Processors, chairman of Stakeholder Communications Ltd, chairman of Events Management Ltd, and deputy chairman of Independent News & Media (NI) Ltd.

He is a member of the international advisory board of Independent News & Media, patron of The Somme Association and Friend of The Salvation Army. Lord Rogan was the honorary colonel of 40 (Ulster) Signals Regiment until its disbandment in 2010.

He is a member of the All – Party Parliamentary Groups on Bahrain, Belize and Ethiopia and Djibouti.

## **Rt Hon Lord Eric Pickles, PC**

United Kingdom Special Envoy for post-Holocaust issues, Co-Chair, UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation and Parliamentary Chair Conservative Friends of Israel in the House of Lords



Lord Pickles served as the Member of Parliament for Brentwood and Ongar from 1992 to 2017. He served in David Cameron's Cabinet as Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government from 2010 to 2015. He previously served as Chairman of the Conservative Party from 2009 to 2010 and was later the United Kingdom Anti-Corruption Champion from 2015 to 2017. He held a number of positions while in opposition, including Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government from 2007 to 2009 and Chairman of the Conservative Party from 2009 to 2010. He was made a Life Peer in 2018.

Lord Pickles was appointed Special Envoy for Post-Holocaust issues in September 2015. Lord Pickles works closely with the wide range of Holocaust academics, survivors and educational and social organisations in the UK. He Co-Chairs the United Kingdom's Holocaust Memorial Foundation and is the Parliamentary Chair for Conservative Friends of Israel in the House of Lords.

## **RT Hon Joan Ryan**

Executive Director, ELNET UK



Rt. Hon Joan Ryan is the Executive Director of ELNET UK, a non-profit organisation dedicated to strengthening relations between Europe and Israel based on shared democratic values and strategic interests.

She was the UK Member of Parliament for Enfield North for 18 years. She resigned from the Labour Party in February 2019 citing the antisemitism crisis that was overwhelming the party under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn and his refusal to action or condemn it.

June 2019 Joan was appointed as the Honorary President of Labour Friends of Israel, having been the organisation's Chair since 2015.

Joan was appointed as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council in 2007. Joan served as a member of the government for 5 years as a government whip and as a minister in the Home Office. In July 2007 she was appointed as the Prime Ministers Special Representative to Cyprus.